**Grade 12 Reading Comprehension**

**Loud and Unusual Animals**

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2. **Write down three things that tell you what the male peafowl looks like:**

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**B)**

**Elephant**s like to live in large groups with other elephants. Elephants can be found in Africa and Asia. Elephants are strong and can pick up trees with their trunks (noses). They are grey with two huge ears and two tusks that are used for digging up plants to eat and sometimes to protect themselves when they are in danger. Sadly, people have killed elephants because their tusks are made of ivory which is used to make jewellery.

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